

(e) PROHIBITION ON RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.—No benefits may be paid to any person by reason of section 1414 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), for any period before the effective date applicable under subsection (d).

SA 698. Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

At the end of title VI, add the following:

Subtitle F—Citizenship for Servicemembers

SEC. 661. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the "Citizenship for Servicemembers Act of 2003".

SEC. 662. REQUIREMENTS FOR NATURALIZATION THROUGH SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) REDUCTION OF PERIOD FOR REQUIRED SERVICE.—Section 328(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439(a)) is amended by striking "three years" and inserting "2 years".

(b) PROHIBITION ON IMPOSITION OF FEES RELATING TO NATURALIZATION.—Title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 328(b)—

(A) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking "honorable. The" and inserting "honorable (the)"; and

(ii) by striking "discharge." and inserting "discharge); and"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) notwithstanding any other provision of law, no fee shall be charged or collected from the applicant for filing a petition for naturalization or for the issuance of a certificate of naturalization upon citizenship being granted to the applicant, and no clerk of any State court shall charge or collect any fee for such services unless the laws of the State require such charge to be made, in which case nothing more than the portion of the fee required to be paid to the State shall be charged or collected."; and

(2) in section 329(b)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(4) notwithstanding any other provision of law, no fee shall be charged or collected from the applicant for filing a petition for naturalization or for the issuance of a certificate of naturalization upon citizenship being granted to the applicant, and no clerk of any State court shall charge or collect any fee for such services unless the laws of the State require such charge to be made, in which case nothing more than the portion of the fee required to be paid to the State shall be charged or collected.".

(c) NATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS OVERSEAS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any applications, interviews, filings, oaths, ceremonies, or other proceedings under title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) relating to naturalization of members of the Armed Forces are available

through United States embassies, consulates, and as practicable, United States military installations overseas.

(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 328(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1439(b)(3)) is amended by striking "Attorney General" and inserting "Secretary of Homeland Security".

SA 699. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 100, recognizing the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Ford Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations, and a revolutionary industrial and global institution, and congratulating Ford Motor Company for its achievements; as follows:

In the third clause of the preamble, strike "which was advertised as the 'Fordmobile' and had" and insert "with".

In the ninth clause of the preamble, strike "completed in 1925,".

In the tenth clause of the preamble, strike "196" and insert "199".

In the twelfth clause of the preamble, strike "models through 1937 (Ford and Lincoln)" and insert "automotive brands (Ford and Lincoln) through 1937".

In the seventeenth clause of the preamble, strike "the first major change in a Ford body since 1922,".

In the seventeenth clause of the preamble, strike the comma after "1932".

In the eighteenth clause of the preamble, strike "Ford 'woodies'".

In the eighteenth clause of the preamble, strike "Galaxy" and insert "Galaxie".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I announce that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will conduct a business meeting on May 21, 2003 in SR-328A at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider the nominations of Glen Klippenstein, Julia Bartling, and Lowell Junksins to be members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation and Tom Dorr to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation and to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my legislative fellow, John Beaver, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on the National Defense Authorization Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Carol Madonna, my legislative fellow, be allowed floor privileges for the duration of the debate on this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further action on S. Res. 100 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 100) recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of Ford Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations, and a revolutionary industrial and global institution, and congratulating Ford Motor Company for its achievements.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

AMENDMENT NO. 699

Mr. WARNER. There is an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER], for Mr. MCCONNELL, proposes an amendment numbered 699.

(Purpose: To make technical corrections)

In the third clause of the preamble, strike "which was advertised as the 'Fordmobile' and had" and insert "with".

In the ninth clause of the preamble, strike "completed in 1925,".

In the tenth clause of the preamble, strike "196" and insert "199".

In the twelfth clause of the preamble, strike "models through 1937 (Ford and Lincoln)" and insert "automotive brands (Ford and Lincoln) through 1937".

In the seventeenth clause of the preamble, strike "the first major change in a Ford body since 1922,".

In the seventeenth clause of the preamble, strike the comma after "1932".

In the eighteenth clause of the preamble, strike "Ford 'woodies'".

In the eighteenth clause of the preamble, strike "Galaxy" and insert "Galaxie".

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the amendment to the preamble be agreed to, the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements regarding this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 100) was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 699) was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

(The resolution will be printed in a future entry in the RECORD.)

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 44, and that

the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 44) recognizing the contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to our Nation.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. WARNER. I ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 44), was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

Whereas at the direction of Congress in 1978, the President proclaimed the week beginning May 4, 1979, as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week, providing the people of the United States with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, history, and concerns of Asian Pacific Americans;

Whereas the seven day period starting May 4 was designated Asian Pacific Heritage Week as it marks two historical dates—May 7, 1843, when the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States, and May 10, 1869, Golden Spike Day, when, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants, the first transcontinental railroad was completed;

Whereas the 102nd Congress by law designated that the month of May be annually observed as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month;

Whereas according to the U.S. Census Bureau an estimated 12.5 million United States residents trace their ethnic heritage, in full or in part, to Asia and the Pacific Islands;

Whereas Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders can list innovative contributions to all aspects of life in the United States ranging from the first transcontinental railroad to the Internet;

Whereas in the mid-1700's Filipino sailors formed the first Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in the bayous of Louisiana;

Whereas Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have added to the vast cultural wealth of our Nation; and

Whereas Americans of Asian Pacific heritage, who include immigrant and indigenous populations, have honorably served to defend the United States in times of armed conflict from the Civil War to the present: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes that the United States draws its strength from its diversity, including contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;

(2) recognizes that the Asian American and Pacific Islander community is a thriving and integral part of American society and culture;

(3) supports the goals of Asian Pacific Heritage Month; and

(4) recognizes the prodigious contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the United States.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1079

Mr. WARNER. With regard to rule 14, I understand S. 1079, which was introduced earlier today by Senator MURKOWSKI, is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1079) to extend the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading and object to further proceeding on this matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 1040

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 1040 be star printed with the changes that are at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the First Session of the 108th Congress, to be held in Prague, Czech Republic, May 23-26, 2003: Senator JEFF SESSIONS of Alabama; Senator GEORGE VOINOVICH of Ohio; Senator JOHN CORNYN of Texas; Senator ERNEST F. HOLLINGS of South Carolina; Senator CHRISTOPHER J. DODD of Connecticut.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 1079

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of S. 1079, Senator MURKOWSKI's bill to extend the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002; provided further the Senate proceed to its consideration, the bill be read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this is a step in the right direction. We are very fortunate there has been movement by the majority toward doing something about unemployment insurance benefits. The problem with this as it now stands is with those people who have been so long unemployed that they are no longer on the unemployment rolls. They have been off so long that under statute and regulation they are no

longer part of the unemployed of this country.

We want to make sure they are helped also. They are in dire need of help. Everyone needs help. We hope in the next few days we could work something out so these people can also be covered.

As that is the case, I hope the two leaders can get together, as I have indicated, in the near future and work to have a bill both sides can agree on.

As a result of this statement, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2003

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 20. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business with the time until 10 a.m. equally divided between Senator CORNYN and the minority leader or their designees, provided that at 10 a.m. the Senate resume consideration of S. 1050, the Department of Defense authorization bill.

I further ask consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party lunches.

Mr. REID. It is my understanding the two leaders are going to attempt to arrange votes on the two matters now pending before the Senate; that is, the Daschle amendment and the amendment offered by the Senator from South Carolina, and we would like to see if that be can be arranged prior to the recess Tuesday. That is not done yet, but Members should contemplate two votes before our noon recess.

Mr. WARNER. I understand the representation is accurate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the unanimous consent request?

Mr. REID. No objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. WARNER. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume debate on the Department of Defense authorization bill. We have two amendments relating to TRICARE on the bill. I will be talking to the sponsors of those amendments and the ranking member, as stated by the distinguished minority whip.

We are encouraging other Members to come forward and work with the ranking member and myself in order to schedule consideration of amendments. Senators should expect rollcall votes on amendments throughout the day tomorrow.